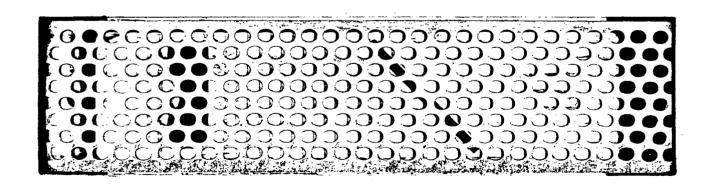
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Dear Ms. Macrae:

Your letters to Ernesta Barnes and Alexandra Smith, received September 15, 1983 and October 13, 1983, respectively, asking if EPA has used Section 321 of the Federal Clean Air Act (Act) against ASARCO to gain a more accurate economic analysis concerning EPA standards, has been referred to me for reply.

This agency complies with Section 321(a) by publishing an annual report of current or anticipated plant closures attributable to EPA in carrying out its responsibilities under the Act and other Federal statutes. Section 321(b) has not been invoked for purposes of acquiring more accurate economic information concerning ASARCO because the Administrator has received no petition to date from any employee or representative of ASARCO to conduct such an investigation. It should be noted that EPA does develop a detailed economic analysis for each regulatory action undertaken under Section 112 of the Act (Nationally Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants).

As a matter of information, EPA does have in its possession financial information on ASARCO-Tacoma which was obtained from available sources such as Securities and Exchange Commission reports and under Section 114 of the Act. EPA plans to use Section 114 in the event additional financial data are needed.

If you have any further questions regarding the ongoing regulatory activity concerning the ASARCO-Tacoma smelter, please feel free to contact me at (206) 442-1949.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hoopen

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Dear Ms. Smith,

I am writing at this time in reference to a letter I wrote to Ms. Barnes a few weeks ago. Because I have not received a response from her I thought that perhaps you could answer my question. I was wondering if the EPA has used Section 321 against ASARCO to gain a more accurate economic analysis concerning EPA standards. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely, Susan L. Marsone

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Dear Ms. Barnes,

I am writing at this time with regard to the Clean Air Act and Employment Effects. I would like to know if the EPA has used Section 321 against ASARCO and their copper smelter in Ruston. I hope to hear from you soon concerning this question.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Macrae

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